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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

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SUBJECT: MORRIS CASE AND SECRETARY-SILVEIRA CORRESPONDENCE

REF: STATE 236056, BRASILIA 8061

1. YOUR TELEGRAM LEADS ME TO CONCLUDE THAT I MAY NOT HAVE BEEN EXPLICIT ENOUGH OR DETAILED ENOUGH IN MY OWN TELEGRAM. I, OF COURSE, AM ENTIRELY AWARE THAT SILVEIRA (AND GIBSON BARBOZA BEFORE HIM) HAVE REGULARLY COMMUNICATED THROUGH ARAUJO CASTRO. WHAT IS DIFFERENT IN THIS CASE--AND I ASSUMED THAT THIS WAS EVIDENT FROM THE CONTENT OF THE LAST SILVEIRA LETTER--IS THAT SILVEIRA WAS RAISING QUESTIONS THAT HE KNEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S LETTER AND FROM MY ACCOMPANYING NOTE TO HIM I WAS PREPARED TO ANSWER. THIS FAILURE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MY OFFER WAS PATENTLY INTENTIONAL, AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT HIS REQUEST IN HIS LETTER FOR FURTHER INFORMATION (WHICH, I REPEAT, HE KNEW WAS AVAILABLE FROM ME) WAS DESIGNED TO INDICATE TO US THAT HE HOPED THAT WE WOULD ACQUIESCE IN HAVING THE ANSWERS NOT COME BACK THROUGH ME. I ALSO ASSUMED THAT, IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR REPORTING OF ITAMARATY'S DIRECT AND INDIRECT REACTIONS TO THE MORRIS CASE, WASHINGTON WOULD UNDERSTAND SILVEIRA'S PURPOSE. I JUDGED FURTHER THAT, UNDERSTANDING THIS, WASHINGTON MAY HAVE BEEN WEIGHING THE QUESTION OF WHICH CHANNEL TO USE. I GATHER FROM YOUR TELEGRAM THAT HAPPILY THAT WAS NOT THE CASE.

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2. IN ANY CASE, I WELCOME THE DECISION TO REPLY THROUGH ME.

3. I WILL BE DISCUSSING THIS AND RELATED MATTERS WITH
BILL BOWDLER DURING HIS VISIT HERE.
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